

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Goodwin et al.

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Examiner: Zimmer, Marc S.

For: GEL AND POWDER MAKING

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On February 27, 2008, Applicants' Representative, Christopher S. Andrzejak, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Zimmer in which the rejections of the independent claims claim 1 was discussed. In particular, the differences between thermal and non-thermal equilibrium plasmas were discussed. Also, additional distinctions between the instant invention and the combined teachings of Karthikeyen et al. and the Bessho references were discussed. While no agreement was reached as a result of the Interview, Examiner Zimmer expressed a willingness to reconsider the rejections in view of the arguments presented and further in view of a full translation of the Bessho references performed internally by the USPTO.

On March 26, 2008, a follow-up interview was conducted. During this interview, the Examiner indicated that after review of the translations of the Bessho references, and

after review of the additional distinctions noted between Karthikeyen et al. and the Bessho references, that these distinctions were persuasive in overcoming the rejections over Karthikeyen et al. in view of the Bessho references.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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